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RED MEAT PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION

In contrast to most recent years, per capita consumption of red meat declined in 1972 in most of the major meat consuming and importing couintries, as well as in most of the meat exporting countries. The decline was caused by record price levels brought about by reduced production and strong demand in the United States and Western Europe. Consumption increased in the USSR and Eastern Europe because of higher production due to new domestic policies to improve the standard of living.

Japan was one of the few developed countries to increase domestic consumption during 1972. However, red meat consumption in Japan is still less than 20 percent the level of red meat consumption in the United States. In New Zealand red meat consumption was down sharply in 1972 because of static beef production and reduced sheep slaughter.

In most of the developing countries trade in meat is of little importance as prices are fixed and imports are controlled. As these countries have improved their agricultural methods, meat production and consumption have increased. In most of these countries, however, consumption is 50 percent or less than that of Western Europe.

OUTLOOK FOR 1973

In 1973 consumption is expected to have declined further in the major developed countries because production did not recover and meat prices continued high.

Beef and Veal

Argentina consumed more beef per capita than any other country during 1972 but consumption has fallen sharply since 1969 when it was 196 pounds per capita. In 1972 consumption was 134 pounds per capita—down 5 pounds from 1971. The Government of Argentina allowed beef prices to rise so that the population would reduce consumption of red meat. The 1972 decline in consumption occurred during a year in which production increased. If the Government can keep domestic consumption down, more Argentine beef can be sold in export markets.

The United States was second in per capita consumption at 118 pounds—up from 116 pounds in 1971. This was a record level for beef consumption in the United States.

In Australia per capita beef consumption declined from 91 pounds to 87 pounds between 1971 and 1972, but this decline was offset by an increase in mutton and lamb consumption from 93 pounds to 103 pounds per capita. In the EC, beef consumption declined because of reduced domestic production and record price levels. Consumption was down in most of the other Western European countries, also. In Eastern Europe consumption was up over 1971 in most countries.

Pork

Per capita consumption of pork continued to increase in most countries during 1972. The United States and Canada were the only major consuming nations to show a large decline. The United States was down to 67 pounds from 73 pounds during 1971 but this level was still above average. Canada was down from 67 pounds in 1971 to 61 pounds in 1972.

In the EC per capita consumption of pork continued to increase, going from 63 pounds in 1971 to 65 pounds in 1972. The continued rise in EC pork consumption is explained by the difference in beef and pork prices.

Mutton, Lamb, and Goat Meat

There are only seven countries in which mutton, lamb, and goat meat consumption exceeds 20 pounds per capita. In all of these countries, except Australia, per capita consumption was down during 1972. The sharp increase in wool prices during 1972 and 1973 will further reduce consumption during 1973 and 1974 because fewer sheep will be slaughtered for meat.

Total meat: 1/ Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1964-68, annual 1968-72

Continent and country	Average 1964-68	1968	1969	1970	1971 2/	1972 2/
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada	152	159	159	160	164	163
Costa Rica	31	24	27	30	33	30
Dominican Republic	20	19	19	20	21	22
El Salvador	25	22	21	20	18	18
Guatemala	22	24	21	21	21	20
Honduras	21	22	19	18	21	21
Mexico	35	36	36	37	37	35
Nicaragua	43	45	47	48	50	49
Panama	54	52	57	58	63	69
United States	174	183	182	186	192	188
South America:						
Argentina	195	218	228	205	175	167
Brazil	54	56	56	57	54	56
Chile	54	61	58	59	61	48
Colombia	50	49	52	53	55	49
Paraguay	97	95	89	91	72	70
Peru	34	32	29	31	30	30
Uruguay	228	211	170	197	157	157
Venezuela	52	52	57	54	53	51
Europe:						
Western:						
EC:						
Belgium-Luxembourg	123	131	133	138	140	149
Denmark	130	123	124	135	126	127
France	134	138	136	138	138	140
Germany, West	125	133	133	140	146	147
Ireland	116	117	122	130	136	137
Italy	64	70	70	72	75	75
Netherlands	99	105	100	104	111	106
United Kingdom	139	138	138	137	143	138
EC average	115	121	119	122	127	126
Austria	123	127	132	133	136	138
Finland	82	81	88	92	95	100
Greece	67	73	79	86	87	88
Norway	81	83	83	83	86	88
Portugal	39	43	47	45	48	53
Spain	56	63	64	69	64	71
Sweden	101	105	103	105	104	97
Switzerland	118	122	125	130	133	138
Eastern:						
Bulgaria	81	87	79	76	80	89
Czechoslovakia	107	114	112	117	122	131
Hungary	86	91	85	93	92	98
Poland	86	92	92	91	97	98
Yugoslavia	65	72	63	68	78	77
USSR	74	82	81	84	89	90
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	74	71	77	81	86	78
Asia:						
China, Taiwan	43	48	53	53	52	54
Iran	19	20	21	19	18	19
Israel	42	47	46	45	45	28
Japan	18	20	21	24	28	31
Philippines	27	28	30	27	27	27
Turkey	32	31	33	33	31	32
Oceania:						
Australia 3/	204	202	209	199	215	222
New Zealand 3/	220	219	241	218	214	171

1/ Carcass weight basis; includes horse meat.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Year ending June 30.

Beef and veal: 1/ Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1964-68, annual 1968-72

Continent and country	Average 1964-68	1968	1969	1970	1971	2/ 1972
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada	93	96	97	94	93	96
Costa Rica	24	18	21	21	24	22
Dominican Republic	15	13	14	14	14	14
El Salvador	15	14	13	13	12	12
Guatemala	18	20	17	17	17	17
Honduras	14	15	12	11	14	14
Mexico	22	21	22	23	22	19
Nicaragua	28	29	30	30	33	32
Panama	46	44	48	48	52	57
United States	108	113	114	117	116	118
South America:						
Argentina	163	186	196	175	139	134
Brazil	39	40	41	41	39	40
Chile	41	46	43	45	45	31
Colombia	42	40	43	44	47	41
Paraguay	97	95	89	91	72	70
Peru	18	17	16	16	14	14
Uruguay	161	138	92	131	90	108
Venezuela	42	42	46	43	43	42
Europe:						
Western:						
EC:						
Belgium-Luxembourg	55	57	59	61	62	61
Denmark	42	43	46	46	45	39
France	65	66	65	65	64	62
Germany, West	49	52	52	55	55	53
Ireland	34	37	38	39	45	45
Italy	40	43	44	45	46	44
Netherlands	42	44	42	44	42	38
United Kingdom	54	53	54	55	54	53
EC average	51	52	53	54	54	52
Austria	45	48	49	50	50	49
Finland	44	42	46	45	45	47
Greece	27	33	36	40	34	33
Norway	33	33	32	31	34	34
Portugal	16	18	21	21	22	24
Spain	20	24	25	27	23	25
Sweden	43	43	43	42	38	34
Switzerland	54	56	57	59	59	58
Eastern:						
Bulgaria	24	28	25	25	---	---
Czechoslovakia	39	44	43	43	---	---
Hungary	20	20	20	21	20	---
Poland	31	34	35	35	33	29
Yugoslavia	21	25	22	25	26	27
USSR	39	47	47	46	46	48
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	51	46	50	49	54	55
Asia:						
China, Taiwan	1	1	1	1	1	1
Iran	4	4	4	5	4	4
Israel	39	44	43	42	42	25
Japan	4	4	5	6	7	8
Philippines	6	6	6	5	5	5
Turkey	11	11	12	11	10	10
Oceania:						
Australia 3/	97	93	93	88	91	87
New Zealand 3/	104	109	125	109	96	80

1/ Carcass weight basis.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Year ending June 30.

Pork: 1/ Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1964-68, annual 1968-72

Continent and country	Average 1964-68	1968	1969	1970	1971	2/ 1972
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada	54	57	55	60	67	61
Costa Rica	7	6	6	9	9	8
Dominican Republic	5	6	5	6	7	8
El Salvador	10	8	8	7	6	6
Guatemala	4	4	4	4	4	3
Honduras	7	7	7	7	7	7
Mexico	12	12	12	12	13	14
Nicaragua	15	16	17	18	17	17
Panama	8	8	9	10	11	12
United States	62	66	65	66	73	67
South America:						
Argentina	19	17	19	19	22	22
Brazil	14	15	14	15	14	15
Chile	8	9	9	9	10	12
Colombia	8	9	9	9	8	8
Paraguay	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peru	8	7	6	7	8	8
Uruguay	19	17	19	17	13	14
Venezuela	9	9	10	10	9	8
Europe:						
Western:						
EC:						
Belgium-Luxembourg	59	66	65	68	69	79
Denmark	87	79	77	88	80	87
France	59	62	61	62	65	67
Germany, West	75	81	80	84	90	93
Ireland	58	56	60	67	67	68
Italy	21	24	23	23	26	27
Netherlands	53	57	54	56	64	63
United Kingdom	61	61	62	61	66	64
EC average	53	59	58	59	63	65
Austria	76	78	82	82	85	88
Finland	35	37	40	45	48	51
Greece	12	12	13	14	16	20
Norway	36	38	39	40	41	43
Portugal	19	22	23	21	23	26
Spain	26	29	29	32	31	36
Sweden	55	59	57	60	64	61
Switzerland	60	63	65	68	71	75
Eastern:						
Bulgaria	36	37	32	30	---	---
Czechoslovakia	66	69	68	73	---	---
Hungary	63	68	64	70	70	---
Poland	53	55	54	53	61	66
Yugoslavia	39	41	35	38	46	44
USSR	26	26	26	29	34	34
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	7	7	8	9	9	9
Asia:						
China, Taiwan	42	47	52	52	51	53
Iran	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Israel	---	---	---	---	---	---
Japan	10	12	12	14	16	18
Philippines	21	22	24	22	22	22
Turkey	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Oceania:						
Australia 4/	25	27	28	30	31	32
New Zealand 4/	30	28	28	28	33	33

1/ Carcass weight basis.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Less than 0.5 pounds.
4/ Year ending June 30.

Mutton, lamb, and goat meat: [1] Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1964-68, annual 1968-72

Continent and country	Average 1964-68	1968	1969	1970	1971	2/ 1972
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada	5	6	7	6	4	6
Costa Rica	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dominican Republic	---	---	---	---	---	---
El Salvador	---	---	---	---	---	---
Guatemala	---	---	---	---	---	---
Honduras	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mexico	1	3	2	2	2	2
Nicaragua	---	---	---	---	---	---
Panama	---	---	---	---	---	---
United States	4	4	3	3	3	3
South America:						
Argentina	13	15	13	11	14	11
Brazil	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chile	5	6	6	5	6	5
Colombia	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Paraguay	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peru	8	8	7	8	8	8
Uruguay	48	56	59	49	54	35
Venezuela	1	1	1	1	1	1
Europe:						
Western:						
EC:						
Belgium-Luxembourg	1	1	1	1	2	2
Denmark	1	1	1	1	1	1
France	6	6	6	7	7	7
Germany, West	1	3/	1	1	1	1
Ireland	24	24	24	24	24	24
Italy	2	2	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	3/	1	3/	3/	1	1
United Kingdom	24	24	22	22	23	21
EC average	7	7	7	7	8	7
Austria	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Finland	1	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Greece	29	28	30	32	37	35
Norway	10	11	11	11	10	10
Portugal	3	3	3	3	3	2
Spain	9	9	9	9	9	9
Sweden	1	1	1	1	1	1
Switzerland	2	2	2	2	2	3
Eastern:						
Bulgaria	21	22	22	21	---	---
Czechoslovakia	1	1	1	1	---	---
Hungary	2	2	1	1	1	---
Poland	2	2	2	2	2	2
Yugoslavia	5	6	6	5	6	6
USSR	9	9	8	9	9	8
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	16	18	19	23	23	14
Asia:						
China, Taiwan	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Iran	15	16	17	14	14	15
Israel	3	3	3	3	3	3
Japan	2	3	3	3	4	4
Philippines	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Turkey	21	20	21	22	21	22
Oceania:						
Australia 4/	82	82	88	81	93	103
New Zealand 4/	86	82	88	81	85	58

1/ Carcass weight basis.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Less than 0.5 pounds.
4/ Year ending June 30.

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